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Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
Cover nose and mouth when coughing with tissue or flexed elbow
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SOUTHERN STAR

Movement of vehicles, people restricted from tomorrow

Mysuru City Top Cop issues guidelines with timings

Mysuru, Apr. 16- From tomorrow, Apr. 17, vehicular and people movement in Mysuru has been restricted across the city following the strict enforcement of complete lockdown. As Mysuru is declared a COVID-19 hotspot by the Centre, the City Police have decided to ensure a proper lockdown with a series of measures.

Addressing reporters at his office this afternoon, Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that from tomorrow, till May 3, the restrictions will be in place.

The Commissioner has exercised the powers bestowed to him under Column 144 Code of Criminal Procedure, Column 31 of Karnataka Police Act 1963 and Column 115 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988.

In the jurisdiction of the Mysuru City Police Commissionerate, people can come out of their homes to buy essential commodities from 6 am to 12 noon. "All these restrictions are meant for the safety of the people and we are requesting them to remain indoors," Chandragupta said.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

• All persons venturing out of their homes must carry identity cards.
• Masks are mandatory
• Private people who are a part of essential services must hold a valid pass.
• Passes are issued by City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru City Corporation, or Deputy Commissioner's Office. Only these passes are valid.
• People who are availing doctors service must mandatorily hold prescriptions, medicine receipt, or the case sheets given by the doctor. These must be displayed while checking.

The Police Commissioner's move is aimed at preventing people from venturing out of their homes. Teams of policemen have put up barricades at different places in the city and are enquiring the motorists about their purpose of going around.

This order, however, does not apply to emergency medical service, all goods (essential service) carrying vehicles, all pass-holding private vehicles, government vehicles, duty-bound and vehicles that supply essential commodities like food, medicines and vegetables, government vehicles, HOPCOMS and home delivery vehicles.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta seen addressing presspersons at his office in city this afternoon.

From 6 am to 12 noon

- Two-wheelers will have only the rider and no pillion.
- Four-wheelers will have one person driving and one person accompanying. Not beyond 2 persons.
- Commuters are not allowed to travel beyond two kilometres of their house.
- All purchases will have to be made at shops and outlets near their homes only.
- Travelling beyond two kilometres to purchase essential commodities is banned.
- Shops and outlets will have to arrange for essential stocks.

From 12 noon to 6 pm

- All essential commodities outlets can be kept open during this time.
- People buying items must reach the outlets by walk.
- Use of two-wheelers and four-wheelers is banned.
- Violating vehicles will be seized.

From 6 pm to 6 am

- Except for medical reasons, no one is allowed to venture out of their houses.
- Only milk booths, medicine outlets and hospitals will be allowed to function and all the rest of the shops will remain closed.

Lone SARI case in Mysuru a cause of worry

- Patient has no foreign travel history; nor has come in contact with positive patients
- Three more positive cases in Mysuru; total positive cases 61; 49 active cases

Abhiram G. Sankar

Mysuru, Apr. 16- The emergence of one new Coronavirus positive case yesterday who was diagnosed with the disease after coming down with **Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI)** has worried the District Administration and the State Government that is witnessing a couple of such cases across the State. The patient has no foreign travel history and has not been in contact with any COVID-19 positive patients.

Meanwhile, three more tested positive for the deadly virus in Mysuru this morning and all the three have roots in Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics. P-303, a 52-year-old male and an employee of the pharma company, P-311, a 38-year-old male, also a Jubilant employee and P-312 a 26-year-old female, contact of P77 (wife) from the pharmaceutical firm tested positive.

With this, the number of cumulative positive patients in Mysuru has gone up to 61 and there are 49 active positive patients in the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road. The State count stands at 313 including 13 deaths and 82 discharges.

(See SARI on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Container did not spread Coronavirus at Jubilant Generics: ADGP

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Parashivamurthy has said that they have received information that the container which came from China to Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics (where maximum positive cases have been reported) did not carry Coronavirus. He was addressing the media at the Office of the Superintendent of Police in Nazarbad here yesterday (Apr. 15).He said that the samples of the container from China were sent to a lab for testing and they had received information that the virus was not spread from the container.

The ADGP further said that it is not yet confirmed from which material, which person and from which route the employees of the pharma company contracted Coronavirus. "Investigations are being conducted to find when the representatives from foreign nations visited the company. However, the source of the infection is yet to be ascertained," he said.

Continuing, the AGDP said that 1,898 persons, who were in contact with those infected with Coronavirus till date, are under home quarantine out of which 1,310 persons have been tested and 58 persons were tested positive.

ADGP Dr. Parashivamurthy said that out of those undergoing treatment 12 persons have recovered and more than 500 persons, who are still under quarantine are being tested. "It would not be a surprise if 10 out of those 500 persons test positive. But as of now, all are under home quarantine and they are being observed," the ADGP added.

Stating that Coronavirus entered Mysuru from three different types of persons – a Dubai returnee, employees of Nanjangud-based Jubilant Pharma Company and from those who returned to Mysuru after participating in a religious meet at New Delhi, Dr. Parashivamurthy said that the District Administration immediately swung into action and were successful in preventing the community spread of the virus.

Red Zone

As COVID-19 Virus was seen in 58 persons in Mysuru district, the Centre has included Mysuru district in 'Red Zone' limits and added that all roads to Nanjangud, from where highest number of positive cases were seen has been blocked and the residents have been asked to stay indoors.

Strict action

Though lockdown is in force in Mysuru city and district, the public have complained that about 25 percent of people are moving around unnecessarily, he said and added that the people should understand the danger and should be more responsible by staying indoors. If people continue to roam around unnecessarily, all necessary businesses would be allowed to operate till 2 pm and would be forced to close down after that, the ADGP said.

Pointing out that migrant workers, who are working in various industries are facing hardship due to lockdown, AGDP Dr. Parashivamurthy said that the district administration was providing necessary facilities to them.

IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth and others were present.

Mysuru COVID-19 Hospital linked to other Coronavirus hospitals in State

Bengaluru, Apr 16 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government has opened a critical care support unit to monitor the progress of Coronavirus patients in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) of various designated Coronavirus hospitals across the State including the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road in Mysuru (District Hospital).

Karnataka is the first State in the country to establish a dedicated unit for critical care support and this system links the KRS Road COVID Hospital in a network with other Coronavirus hospitals across the State. The linking of the ICUs of COVID hospitals will be on a single platform.

Its objective is to monitor COVID-19 patients in ICUs across Karnataka State so that the hospitals are prepared for the potential onslaught of the virus and thereby to achieve zero COVID mortality. It would enable capturing details of ICU COVID-19 patients in real time.

Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department said the unit is monitored by a centralised team of doctors from the department, medical colleges and interns from Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, M.S. Ramaiah Hospital and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medical College.

This team will work around the clock in three shifts to monitor patients admitted to ICUs.

At the end of each day, the unit will review the progress and implementation of the action plan and share it with higher authorities for further action.

It also serves as a handholding facility for doctors in interior parts of the state who may not have access to new technologies and will be of immense value in saving a life at this critical moment.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department, said as and when the ICU preparedness of a designated hospital is uploaded in the e-health platform, a medical officer will certify the same.

Data is then monitored and analysed by experts and the nodal officer is intimated on deviation so that the data can be compiled and reported to the Taskforce on a daily basis.

This data is of immense help as it allows us to take precautionary measures to avoid escalations, Pandey said.

The government is mulling the formation of a team of experts, from corporate hospitals in Bengaluru, consisting of cardiologists, pulmonologists, nephrologists and physicians. The idea is to connect this team of experts with a set of patients in one or more districts so that they can monitor and advise a suitable line of treatment for these patients.

Lions Club Mysuru donates sophisticated mobile X-ray unit to K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, Apr. 16- While many individuals and organisations have been doing their bit by providing food to the daily wagers and shelter less to cope up with the COVID-19 lockdown, Lions International District 317A has donated PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) kits, masks and mobile X-ray unit to K.R. Hospital, apart from distributing two time meals and fruits to the frontline Corona Warriors.

For PPE kits, NJS Charitable Trust and Lions Club of Mysore Palace City have donated Rs.65,000 each and Lions District 317A Governor Nagaraj V. Bairy has donated Rs. 15,000. The Lions District Governor, Deputy Governor and former Governors Federation has donated sophisticated Mobile X-Ray Unit, worth Rs. 3 lakh, to K.R. Hospital.

District Governor Nagaraj Bairy and Lions Club of Mysore Palace City together have donated surgical masks worth Rs. 10,000.Revanna and Ashok Nazare have distributed fruits worth Rs. 8,000.

Apart from these, Rs. 1 lakh is being spent on providing two meals a day to doctors and staff of K.R. Hospital who have worked till now and are under Home Quarantine.

VOICE OF THE READER

Ideal time for MCC

to implement online payment of Property Tax 2020-21

Sir,

It is disheartening to read that online payment of property tax has not been implemented, in spite of the software being available to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The plea that Government of Karnataka has not approved it as yet is no excuse.

This is the ideal time, when there is a lockdown due to Covid-19 and to mitigate the hardships citizens have to undergo, especially senior citizens, every year to physically line up to pay the tax.

It seems the authorities are reluctant to implement the online payment due to obvious reasons. When Bengaluru has online payment of property tax since a number of years, why not Mysuru, which at one point was vying to be one of the 100 smart cities? Citizens of Mysuru must put pressure on MCC to implement it.

— Col. K. Nagesh
Bengaluru
14.4.2020

Obituary

Sridhar

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Sridhar (55),

former Ranji cricket player and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, 7th Cross passed away on Tuesday at a private hospital in city.He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam on Tuesday evening, according to family sources.

Pailwan Rangaswamy

Pailwan Rangaswamy (60),

a resident of Kailaspuram, passed away at a private hospital in city last Sunday following brief illness.He leaves behind his wife Javaramma, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial grounds on Monday, according to family sources.

M.B. Gayathri

M.B. Gayathri (72), daughter

of late C. Basavaraje Urs and a resident of city passed away on Apr. 14.A spinster, she leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to sources.

Shalini Anantrao Kulkarni

Shalini Anantrao Kulkarni (96),

wife of late Anantrao Kulkarni and mother of music critic, author and Star of Mysore contributor Dr. Manik Bengeri, passed away due to old age on Apr. 11 in Pune. She leaves behind three daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.Last rites were performed in Pune, according to family sources.

S.K. Pushpalatha

S.K. Pushpalatha (56), wife

of Devaraju, a retired Professor at the University of Mysore and a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away on Tuesday following a heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds in Vijayanagar 4th Stage on Tuesday evening.

Mysuru's own RJ Avinash hosts 'Mysore beats'

Mysuru, Apr. 16- As more and more Mysureans opt to stay at home amid growing concerns about the spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), media consumption is, unsurprisingly, peaking.

Amid the various media options consumers have to choose from, a large percentage of consumers reveal that they listen to radio programmes throughout the day now much more than they were listening to before the pandemic.

Radio and on-air personalities present a connection to the real world that listeners gravitate toward and trust. At a time of heightened uncertainty and disrupted routines, consumers are turning to radio as a trusted source of information and community connection.

When out-of-home activities are extremely limited, radio provides wholesome entertainment and information. And there are listeners too, hooked. Cashing on the large listening population,92.7 BIG FM has launched a show called 'Mysore Beats' to cater to the entertainment needs of Mysureans.

This show will be completely based on the people of Mysuru and this will be hosted by RJ Avinash, the most popular Radio Jokey among youth of the city. Avinash hails from Mysuru and has completed his education in Mysuru. He has extensive knowledge about the city and knows where the city's soul is.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Avinash said that there were a lot of demands from his listeners to launch this Mysuru-centric channel.

"It is an exclusive all-out channel for Mysuru and is on air from 5 pm to 8 pm every day with engaging and dedicated slots. "It covers the Mysuru literary world, royalty, creative minds and features celebrities like Pourakarmikas, street vendors, milk and tender coconut vendors, fruit sellers, grocery shop owners, sanitation workers and a whole lot of Mysureans who are toiling day in and day out for the welfare of Mysuru," he said.

The slots feature those people who do not have any other platform to express their pain, anguish and joy. "People can narrate stories, tell listeners what they missed out in life, what shocked them the most, their present positive outlook, aspirations, their vision of a better life, and at the same time, the audience can connect with their feelings. A lot of lighter vein programmes are being planned in the available slots under Mysore Beats," Avinash explained.

CSIR-CFTRI supplies hand sanitisers for field workers in Mysuru

CFTRI Chief Scientist Dr. V. Baskaran and colleagues handed over the sanitisers to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar on Apr. 10.

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Mysuru-based CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) continued extending its helping hand for fighting COVID-19 by supplying hand sanitisers for the use of field workers in Mysuru.

Hand sanitisers are used when water is not available to wash hands to keep the virus at bay and are alcohol-based liquids or gels.

CSIR-CFTRI prepared sanitisers based on the formulation prescribed by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

About 200 litres of sanitisers were prepared and packaged in packages handy for carrying around in the field.

A total of 2,000 bottles of hand sanitisers were then handed over to the District Administration for distribution among the field staff like health workers, Police and other officials.

CFTRI Chief Scientist Dr. V. Baskaran and colleagues handed over the sanitisers to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar on Apr. 10.

Earlier, CSIR-CFTRI had provided two PCR machines and one RNA extraction unit along with necessary chemicals to the COVID-19 Testing Unit of K.R. Hospital for hastening the infection detection process.

Hand sanitiser prepared by CSIR-CFTRI.

No immersion of ashes, performing last rites of dead in Srirangapatna

Mandya, Apr 16 (UNI)- There seems to be no relief from this world even after death due to killer Coronavirus as Police will not allow immersion of ashes in the holy river Cauvery at Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna of Karnataka. Thus, it seems, the Corona virus will not spare you even after your death as Police prevent from immersing the ashes in the river due to lockdown in force.

Srirangapatna police have stopped this process since last Sunday. People who arrived on Monday from Bengaluru, Tumakuru and even Andhra Pradesh with ashes were not allowed and sent back without performing the last rites of the dead. A priest who perform the rituals in Paschimavahini said that more than 100 people used to come to perform final rituals of the dead and nearly 50 involved in this process of immersion of ashes.

Senior Priest Bhanuprakash Sharma, Vice President of the Akhila Karnataka Brahman Sabha has appealed to the authorities to allow at least two persons to perform the rituals.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

One Idea, Many Expressions

In a typical Hindu temple, we do not find just one image. We find multiple images. For many people, unfamiliar with Hindu tradition, this looks like polytheism. But for Hindus, these are various manifestations or expressions of the same divine principle. Broadly there are three categories of Hinduism, Shaivism, Vaishnavism and Shaktism, and so three categories of temples.

Shaivism deals with the hermit, Shiva, who becomes a householder. We always see the image of the hermit with his wife and two sons: Karthikeya, who makes us feel secure and Ganesha, who nourishes us. So, our hunger and fear are taken care of by the two sons of Shiva. That is the Shiv Parivar.

Vaishnavism entails the worship of Lakshmi and Vishnu, particularly in South India and also, in the Swami Narayan Temples. Vishnu is in standing posture at the Tirupati Devasthanam in Andhra Pradesh and reclining position in Srirangam and Padmanabhaswamy temples.

More commonly, Vishnu is worshipped in his mortal forms, Ram and Krishna. Ram is worshipped with his wife, Sita, accompanied by Hanuman, who serves them, and Ram's brother, Lakshman. Krishna is often worshiped with his beloved, Radha. This is a little awkward because, for most people, the male and female form have to represent husband and wife.

While this is true with Shiva and Gauri and true with Ram and Sita, it is not true with Krishna and Radha. Radha emerges with the tantric traditions. Radha has a different husband and people don't talk about it. Many are comforted by metaphysical statements like 'they are transcendental husband and wife'. It represents a relationship that is which is not defined by custom, convention or by law. Unlike Shiva and Ram, who are seen as husbands, Krishna is seen as a beloved. Vishnu again is seen as a husband with Lakshmi by his side.

The Goddess commonly called Amba or Mata is never shown with a consort or a husband by her side. She is shown as an independent, autonomous person, riding a lion or tiger, with many weapons in her many arms. Although she is dressed as a bride, she holds weapons. The bride represents the fertility aspect of the Goddess and the weapons represent her protective side. In traditional shrines, she is sometimes accompanied by female companions, identified as hand-maidens, or two males who are described as her guardians or sons, Bhairava or Hanuman.

Whenever a temple is designed, people from different faiths come together and each one brings their own deity. Thus, it is a kind of inclusion of many Gods. In ancient times, every tribe would get their own deity into the shrine. You find this in Kulu Manali. It used to be there in Mesopotamia and some people say pre-Islamic Arabia. In Hinduism, they are not seen as discreet entities, they are connected to each other. The different forms satisfy different needs of different people.

So, those who like asceticism are told about the ascetic God Shiva, those who like the householder life are told about Vishnu. Though Ram and Krishna lead householder lives, they lived by practising 'Nishkam Karma' or detached engagement with society where you live for satisfying other people's hunger and not your own hunger. Those who worship the Goddess are constantly reminded of the Goddess in her independent, autonomous form. This makes Hinduism a monotheist religion with polytheistic expression..

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Power of "Faith" in trying times...

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

Ballal

My friend Sarasa sent me this story which I thought of sharing with *Star of Mysore* readers as it fits in with the current times: Once a man got lost in a desert. The water in his flask had run out two days ago and he was on his last leg. He knew that if he did not get some water soon, he would surely die. The man saw a small hut ahead of him. First he thought it might me a mirage or he was hallucinating but having no other option, he moved forward towards the hut. As he got closer, he realised that it was real. So he dragged his tired body to the door with the last of his strength.

The hut was not occupied and seemed like it had been abandoned for quite some time. The man entered into it hoping against hope that he might find some water inside, his heart skipped a beat when he saw what was in the hut — a water hand pump — it had a pipe going down through the floor, perhaps tapping a source of water deep underground.

He began working the hand pump, but no water came out. He kept at it and still nothing happened. Finally he gave up from exhaustion and frustration. He threw up his hand in despair. It looked as if he was going to die after all.

Then the man noticed a bottle in one corner of the hut. It was filled with water and corked up to prevent evaporation. He uncorked the bottle and was about to gulp down the sweet life-giving water, when he noticed a piece of paper attached to it. The handwriting on the paper read "Use this water to start the pump. Do not forget to fill the bottle when you are done."

He had a dilemma. He could follow the instruction and pour the water into the pump or he could just ignore it and drink the water. What to do ? He was worried if he let the water in to the pump and the pump did not work? What if the pipe had a leak? What if the underground reservoir had long dried up? So many thoughts flashed in his mind.

But then, maybe the instructions were correct. Should he risk it ? If it turned out to be false, he would be throwing away the last water he would ever see.

Hands trembling, he poured the water into the pump. Then he closed his eyes, said a prayer and started to work on the pump. He heard a gurgling sound and then water came gushing out, more than he could possibly use; he luxuriated in the cool and refreshing water. He was going to live after all !

After drinking his fill and feeling much better, he looked around the hut. He found a pencil and map of the region. The map showed that he was still far away from civilisation, but at least now he knew where he was and which direction to go. He filled his flask for the journey ahead. He also filled the bottle and put the cork back in. Before leaving the hut, he added in his own writing below the instruction, "Believe me, it works."

What is the moral of this small story. It is the importance of "faith" in our lives. The man did not know if his action would be rewarded but he proceeded regardless, without expecting anything. He made a leap of faith.

I am reminded of the acrobats in the circus. How they leap from one bar to another without any hesitation, if the other man or woman is split second late, they have to fall. But it rarely happens. Such is the power of faith.

Now coming back to our present times of COVID-19, is it not time we the citizens put faith in the "Social Distancing" being talked about as the only cure for the pandemic till, of course, a cure is found in the medical world? How is that in spite of so much advises from experts, so many of us are still loitering around as if we are immune from anything ? Have faith in our system. We can overcome this pandemic too BUT it requires some self-discipline too.

To conclude, let us all have faith that this "Social Distancing" will carry us through this troubled times and take us to safety.

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MUDA has more than 600 corner sites

CM's announcement of selling BDA corner sites kindles hope for MUDA to rake in revenues

By S.T.Ravikumar

Mysuru, Apr.16- Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa recently said the ongoing lockdown has resulted in deep financial trouble for the State. He said that the Cabinet had decided to auction around 12,000 corner sites (sites that are located at the corner of a road) owned by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), to mobilise funds to tackle the situation.

"The COVID-19 situation has thrown our State into deep financial trouble and there is a need to find ways to overcome the present financial crisis. By auctioning corner sites in Bengaluru, we are expecting to mobilise around Rs. 14,000-15,000 crore," he added.

The Chief Minister's announcement of site auction has turned music to the ears of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) that is fully geared up to rake in some moolah to ease its cash-strapped situation and also generate revenue for the State that is battling Coronavirus.

MUDA is looking to meet administrative, plan expenses and other financial requirements through site auction. After Bengaluru, Mysuru has the highest number of corner and commercial sites, with MUDA that deals with site allotments in the city, having more than 600 corner sites of various dimensions in its kitty.

The MUDA has identified these sites after Correct Dimension Report (CDR) prepared during the allotment of residential plots in layouts formed by it and land allotments made to private developers and builders for formation of private layouts. MUDA right now is in possession of more than 100 corner sites that are ready for auction.

MUDA officials hope to rake in huge revenues by auctioning these prime commercial corner sites. However MUDA officials maintain that although Chief Minister Yediyurappa has spoken of selling available corner sites at Bengaluru, they are yet to receive any directive in this regard.

Though the MUDA auctions corner and premier sites as per availability now and then by issuing notifications, this time they are waiting for the Government directions.

Apart from the corner sites, MUDA has 26,147 intermediate sites, out of which 9,508 sites have not been allotted. Besides, MUDA has 530 CA (civic amenities) sites and right now it has the power to cancel the allotment of 1,255 sites for violation of norms and conditions.

By auctioning all the corner, intermediate, cancelled, unallotted and civic amenities sites, the MUDA hopes to collect huge revenues.

The MUDA can specifically earn more than Rs.100 crore through the auction of the over 100 corner sites that are readily available with it.

Following Yediyurappa's announcement that the Government plans to sell corner and other premium sites that are in possession of urban local bodies across the State, MUDA has begun the process of collecting complete statistical details of all such corner sites through its zonal officers.

Art of Living and B.Y. Vijayendra

Abhimani Balaga feed stray cattle

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Stray cattle at Nanjumalige, Agrahara, Chamundipuram and surrounding areas were fed with green grass under the joint aegis of Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji's Art of Living Foundation and B.Y. Vijayendra Abhimani Balaga yesterday.Later, grass was also distributed to the Goshala of Bharati Yogadhama in Uthanahalli.

Speaking on the occasion, General Secretary of BJP State Slum Morcha R. Raghu Kautilya said, "During this time of distress, people must not only look after their fellow human beings but also animals, especially cow which is an integral part of our society."

"Every summer, the Government used to set up fodder banks wherever there was need.

This time, however, due to Corona lockdown, cattle heads are facing shortage of fodder. With this in mind, our organisations have launched programme to provide feed to these animals," he added.

Pointing out that recently Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had given a message to feed the stray animals by himself feeding a cat in front of his house, Raghu Kautilya said that inspired by that, they had taken up the work of feeding stay cattle.

Art of Living's Apoorva Suresh, Ravi and Vikram Iyengar and Go Parivar's Rakesh Bhat, Ajay Shastry, Srinivas Prasad, Chakrapani and Suchendra were present during the programme.

Toyota Kirloskar donates Rs. 2 crore to Karnataka CM Relief Fund

Bengaluru, Apr. 16- Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), having its plant at Bidadi, about 40 km from here, on Monday, contributed Rs. 2 crore towards Karnataka Chief Minister COVID-19 Relief Fund and Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) to rebuild lives affected by the pandemic and bring back life to normalcy in the State.

A cheque for the amount was handed over to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa by Shekar Viswanathan, Vice-Chairman and Whole-time Director, TKM, Raju B. Ketkale, Deputy Managing Director, TKM and S. Deepak Kumar, Secretary of Employees Union, according to a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, Shekar Viswanathan said, "At this hour of crisis, Toyota stands fully committed in support of the communities in overcoming this pandemic which has caused unprecedented distress to humanity. Both Central and State Governments have taken strong decisive and proactive decisions towards containment and further prevention of the spread of COVID-19. We fully support the enormous efforts taken by them and pray that life in the country takes a speedy return to normalcy."

The donation from Toyota Kirloskar Motor was handed over to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Monday.

Barricading roads is no solution, until people understand the severity of COVID-19

The Number of COVID-19 positive cases are increasing each day so also the barricades on roads to restrict people movement with an aim to contain the deadly virus spread. But no matter how many ways Police and the District Administration find to stop people from moving around, people make their way out. This scene of an elderly lady bending to the lowest possible to cross over the barricades placed on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Mysuru this morning, was one of many such situations where people are breaking rules to free themselves from the lockdown. But here we must not forget, Coronavirus has more easy ways to enter every nook and corner. So, STAY HOME, STAY SAFE. Picture right shows barricades installed by concerned residents at Janathanagar in Mysuru this afternoon.

Lone SARI case in Mysuru

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SARI case: Of the 10 positive cases reported in Mysuru yesterday, nine are from Jubilant Generics and the one case that has tested positive is P-273 is a 72-year-old male who has a history of SARI. Speaking to reporters yesterday, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that 200 samples from Mysuru were sent to National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru and 10 have been tested positive and one patient has SARI.

"The person had admitted to Mahadeshwara Nursing Home in Siddhartha Layout for three days with breathing difficulties. He was later shifted to JSS Hospital and now he has been tested positive. He has no foreign travel history and has not been in contact with positive patients. We are investigating how he has contracted the disease," the DC said.

Lung infection: SARI is a lung infection that can be fatal if untreated, can affect people with low immunity. SARI is manifested by fever, cough, and shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing. It encompasses pneumonia and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). These two conditions are the primary causes of death among COVID-19 patients.

Such SARI cases has been reported in Chikkaballapura and Bengaluru. "All the other 9 positive cases from Jubilant Generics were under isolation and now we have again quarantined 12 contacts of P-273 SARI patient," Abhiram Sankar said.

DC on Jubilant Generics: Even the nine jubilant employees who tested positive did not have any symptoms but they have tested positive. "All of them were the contacts of P52 and we have asked all the secondary contacts of P52 to undergo mandatory tests. Already, 760 of 1,300 secondary contacts of the positive patients have been tested and 200 samples have been sent to NIMHANS for testing," he added.

Jubilant Generics will not open till the completion of testing all employees. "From the security guard to the top management, all employees will be tested. The administration is expecting more positive cases out of quarantined Jubilant Generics employees. But there is no need for panic as all the employees are under home isolation," the DC said.

Mysuru city cannot be sealed: On the measures like seal down, the DC said that the entire Mysuru city cannot be sealed down. "If there are more than 10 positive cases in a particular locality, that locality can be sealed. In Mysuru, there are over 200 Jubilant Generics employees and the others are distributed across Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Nanjangud. All of them are under home quarantine and are under observation," Abhiram Sankar revealed.

COVID-19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	3,638
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	1,564
Persons isolated in hospital	:	49
Persons completed 14-day isolation	:	2,025
Total samples tested	:	1,354
Samples found negative	:	1,293
Total active positive cases	:	61
Persons cured / discharged	:	12
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	313
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	13
Total positive cases in India	:	10,824
Death toll so far in India	:	420

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

Mysurean donates one month pension towards PM CARES Fund

S. Padmavathi Bai, a senior citizen residing at Krishnamurthypuram in Mysuru, handing over her one month pension cheque to MLA S.A. Ramdas, towards PM CARES Fund.

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

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